

## Information Sheet

<u>History:</u>	Our academy began in 2014-15 academic year. We do only one session per academic year due to small numbers in this area. The classes run from end of August through April. Certifications offered are Special Function Officer (SFO), Basic Corrections Officer (BCO), and Law Enforcement Officer (LEO). We have completed 5 sessions.
<u>Cadet Information:</u>	USUE academy has graduated 51 total cadets, many in more than one certificate area. The majority have entered in the SFO block and continued through the LEO block completing all three. We have had 45 complete the SFO block: 42 in the BCO block; and, 43 in the LEO block. We have certified several in the LEO who we corrections officers for Carbon County. The majority are self-sponsored and are hired during or soon after completion of the academy.
<u>Opportunities:</u>	Of the 51 graduates 43 have gained employment with various agencies around Utah and one in Arizona. The majority, 38 have gained employment in rural Utah in Carbon, Emery, San Juan, and Uintah counties. After completion, cadets will receive 23 credit hours for various academic classes. USU is also developing our own certificate for each block and this can be stacked together with other credit hours to allow cadets to acquire a two year or four-year undergraduate degree and even move towards a graduate degree.
<u>Costs:</u>	The cost of the academy to each cadet is \$1850 for SFO block, \$815 BCO block, and \$3450 LEO block for a total of \$6115 plus supplies and equipment. To run the academy has been approximately \$55, 000 to \$60,000 each year with the exception of this past session where the cost rose to approximately \$62,000 with the extra costs for the distance site
<u>How delivered:</u>	When the proposal was made to POST in 2013, we had the plan to cover all the eastern half of Utah through the use of our Interactive Broadcast Conferencing system (IVC). This is NOT the traditional online classes. USU has been using this teaching platform very successfully for many years for undergrad and graduate degrees allowing individuals all over Utah to receive the classes. POST's desire was to begin using the typical face to face method, which we complied with for the first four years. All information is supplied to the cadets electronically which better fits today's generations.
<u>Expansion:</u>	In Fall 2017, Law Enforcement asked about an academy in Blanding and Moab. I met with representatives for the agencies and decided on a plan utilizing the USU facilities. In the summer of 2018, I proposed a plan to the POST administration and the POST Council to conduct a distance learning academy using the USU IVC system, and conducted a short demonstration of the system. IT was approved by the council and we began the first ever distance academy in Blanding. We plan to continue in Blanding as needed and open a site in Moab.